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For: CODING DEVICE AND CODING METHOD

LETTER REQUESTING INTERVIEW
BEFORE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request an interview with the Examiner prior to the First Office Action. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact applicants representative Chad Billings at (703) 205-8001 to advise him when it is convenient for the Examiner to conduct the personal interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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